GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented for employment and poverty alleviation in urban areas;

(b) since when these schemes are implemented;

(c) the amount spent during each of the last three years in West Bengal and Sikkim under these schemes; and

(d) the details of the number increased or decreased in respect of the people living below poverty line in urban areas during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Centrally sponsored scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 1.12.1997. The SJSRY strives t provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed poor through, firstly, encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have not studied beyond 9th standard and, secondly, by providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.

(c): The Central funds released under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) to the States of West Bengal and Sikkim during the last three years are as under:-

(Rupees inLakh)

State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
West Bengal	424.02	617.47	1063.13
Sikkim	0. 00	0.00	0.00

(d): The number of urban poor assisted to set up individual/group enterprises under SJSRY and also the number of urban poor imparted skill training during last three years is as under:

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
No. of beneficiaries assisted for setting up of micro enterprises	90566	98791	56357
No. of beneficiaries provide skill training	111831	142073	73203